

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 24-27 by deleting the reference numeral 15 and replacing it with reference numeral 22:

The balloon may then be fitted at the waist portion 22 over a catheter shaft (not shown). During welding or otherwise securing the balloon 20 to a catheter shaft, the crosslinkable layer is heated resulting in compression of the layer around the waist ~~15~~ 22 of the balloon 20 which overlaps the catheter shaft.

On page 9, line 32, please add the following paragraph:

Fig. 6a is a radial cross-section illustrating a balloon mounted on a catheter shaft similar to that shown in Fig. 6 and a tie layer between the balloon and the catheter shaft.

On page 20, line 15, please add the following paragraph:

As noted on page 6, lines 1-3, another tie layer 15 may be included between the balloon 20 and the catheter shaft 25 to facilitate bonding therebetween as shown as a radial cross-section in FIG. 6a. Balloon layers are not shown in FIG. 6a.